Chairmen McCrory and Sanchez, Ranking Members Berthel and McCarty, and esteemed members of the Education Committee, thank you for allowing me to submit testimony on SB 457, SB 738 and SB 874:

Please understand that although the ideas brought forth in the aforementioned bills in theory is fiscally something to discuss, I firmly believe that globalizing by way of regionalizing s the control of our local schools will significantly & negatively impact all children. Each school system should be allowed to continue to have their own superintendents, boards of educations and their own voices to properly maintain control and oversight of each school under their care as is. I want to know that our town tax dollars are spent where we live.

Thank you again for hearing my testimony. I'm happy to answer any questions you may have

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